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RE: UNITED STATES v. WILLIAM BLOOMFIELD

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today that William Bloomfield, 39, of Grand Island, New York, was sentenced to a 37-month prison term for using the Internet to attempt to persuade a young girl to engage in sex. The sentence was imposed by United States District Judge Richard J. Arcara.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul J. Campana said Bloomfield pled guilty to the offense on May 10, 2004. Campana said that in June 2003, Bloomfield communicated via Instant Message with a person Bloomfield thought was a 13-year-old girl, and he agreed to meet the girl on a school day at a plaza in West Seneca. Instead, when Bloomfield arrived at the plaza, he met the FBI. His Internet Instant Message contact had been an FBI agent working undercover. The defendant admitted to the FBI that on his way to the plaza, he stopped at a drug store and purchased condoms.

The sentence was the result of an investigation on the part of the Federal Bureau of Investigation under the direction of Special Agent In-charge Peter Ahearn.

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